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U.S. Immigration  
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Dear Mr. Free:

The Department of Homeland Security has received your letter appealing the adverse determination of your Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act (FOIA/PA) request by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Your appeal, **postmarked or electronically transmitted on July 29, 2019**, was received on **August 08, 2019**.

The Government Information Law Division acknowledges your appeal request of **2019-ICFO-39213** and is assigning it number **2019-ICAP-00532** for tracking purposes. Please reference this number in any future communications about your appeal.

A high number of FOIA/PA requests have been received by the Department. Accordingly, we have adopted the court-sanctioned practice of generally handling backlogged appeals on a first-in, first-out basis.<sup>1</sup> While we will make every effort to process your appeal on a timely basis, there may be some delay in resolving this matter. Should you have any questions concerning the processing of your appeal, please contact the ICE FOIA Office/Public Liaison at (866) 633-1182, or by email at [ice-foia@dhs.gov](mailto:ice-foia@dhs.gov).

Sincerely,

/s/MCuestas for

Shiraz Panthaky  
Chief  
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<sup>1</sup> Appeals of expedited treatment denials will be handled on an expedited basis.